This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for supporting flow control by a SCSI initiator using a Packetized SCSI Protocol, said method comprising:

transmitting a data packet information unit in a Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase by said SCSI initiator; and

receiving a signal by said SCSI initiator, in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase during transfer of said data packet information unit, to indicate whether another data packet information unit is to be transmitted in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein said receiving a signal further comprises:

receiving ~~a~~ said signal from a parity signal line of a SCSI bus.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 2 wherein said receiving a signal further comprises:

interpreting an asserted signal, from said parity signal line, to indicate another data packet information unit is not to be transmitted in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein said receiving a signal further comprises:

interpreting an asserted signal, on a line of a SCSI bus, to indicate that another data packet information unit

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is not to be transmitted in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase.

5. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

transmitting a plurality of data packet information units, one immediately after another, by a SCSI initiator in a Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase; and

monitoring a signal level on a parity line of a SCSI bus to determine whether said transmitting a plurality of data packet information units is to be terminated.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 5 further comprising:

determining whether a signal on said parity line has been asserted during said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase.

7. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

transmitting a data packet information unit in a Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase; and

determining whether another data packet information unit is to be transmitted in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase by monitoring a signal level on a parity line of a SCSI bus.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 7 where said determining further comprising:

interpreting an asserted signal on said parity line to indicate not to transmit another data packet information unit in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of Claim 7 further comprising:

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transmitting another data packet information unit by a SCSI initiator in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase upon determining said signal level did not change.

10. (Previously Presented) A SCSI initiator device comprising:

a flow control module configured to perform a method comprising:

transmitting a data packet information unit in a Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase;

monitoring a signal on a parity bit line of a SCSI bus in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase to determine whether another data packet information unit is to be transmitted in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase; and

interpreting an asserted signal on said parity bit line to indicate said another data packet information unit is not to be transmitted in said Packetized SCSI Protocol Data Out phase.

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